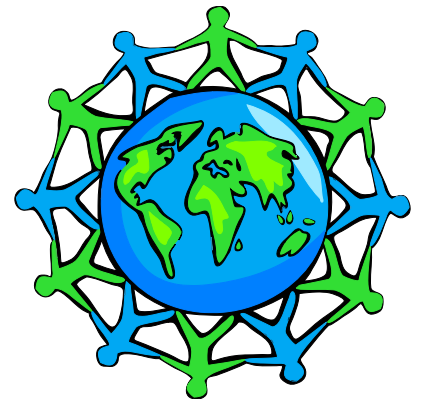


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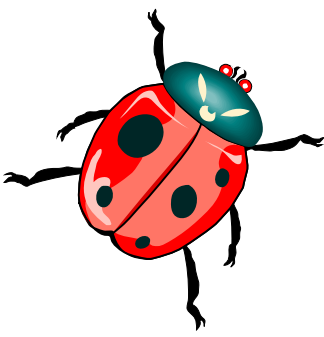


70S THEOLOGICAL WISDOM

Connecting creation Doctrine & Incarnation

Connection of groaning Earth (Rom 8) and human exploitation

Connection of Image of God and right relationship with creation



80S THEOLOGICAL WISDOM

Cosmic Christ

Solidarity rooted in Christology

Genesis connects humanity with creation

Creation's divine likeness

Relationality of human existence

Tarnishing Image of God if not in right relationship with creation



90S THEOLOGICAL WISDOM

Responsible and fair use of Earth

Beauty and goodness of creation glorifies God

Dignity of human person extends to creation

Nature is caught up in redemption

Creation gift from God; foundation for common good

West consumes resources in disordered way

Till and look after the garden is human purpose

Theological Wisdom in the 21st Century

Right relationship God includes creation care

Clear relationship between peace, poverty, and environment

Links gratuitousness and fraternity

Creation - wondrous work of Creator

Limits to human activity

Human life depends on nature, a gift from God

1971

Apostolic Letter Pope Paul VI -

Octogesima Adveniens

World Synod of Catholic Bishops -

Justitia in Mundo

1979

Apostolic Letter Pope John Paul II -

Redemptor Hominis

1980

Apostolic Letter Pope John Paul II -

Dives in Misericordia

1981

Apostolic Letter Pope John Paul II -

Labrem Excerens

1987

Apostolic Letter Pope John Paul II -

Sollicitudo Rei Socialis



1990 & 1991

World Day of Peace Message: Pope

John Paul II - **Peace with All Creation**

Apostolic Letter Pope John Paul II -

Centesimus Annus

1995

Apostolic Letter Pope John Paul II -

Evangelium Vitae

2007

World Day of Peace Message: Pope

Benedict - **If you want Peace, Protect**

Creation

2009

Apostolic Letter Pope Benedict -

Caritas in Veritate

2015

Apostolic Letter Pope Francis -

Laudato Si'

